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INTERACTIVITY WITH LIVE PROGRAMMING EVENTS

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This *Third Amendment and Response to Office Action* is in response to the Office Action dated 9 May 2001. Two previous Preliminary Amendments were entered to add claims 18-52 and 53-227, respectively.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claim 228.

228. The method of claim 39 further comprising:  
producing an audio signal corresponding to the live event;  
receiving the audio signal in the control studio; and  
wherein the step of digitally compressing further comprises digitally compressing